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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6102**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 254

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 17, 2008

**BILL AMENDED:** Jan 16, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Indiana 2016 Bicentennial Commission.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Young R

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** CR Adopted - 1<sup>st</sup> House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
X DEDICATED  
FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** The bill creates the Indiana 2016 Bicentennial Commission to strengthen communities and to prepare for Indiana's bicentennial in 2016.

It also creates the Indiana 2016 Bicentennial Commission account and appropriates money in the account.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2008.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** *Indiana 2016 Bicentennial Commission:* The bill creates a 25-member 2016 Bicentennial Commission which will expire on June 30, 2017. The 4 members of the Commission who are members of General Assembly will receive the same per diem, mileage, and travel allowance paid to legislative members of interim study committees. The remaining 21 members will be reimbursed for traveling expenses and for other actual expenses incurred as a result of duties of the Commissioner.

*Indiana 2016 Bicentennial Commission Account:* The bill also establishes the Indiana 2016 Bicentennial Commission account within the state General Fund to pay the expenses of the Commission. The account does not revert on an annual basis, but the balance in the account on June 30, 2017, reverts to the state General Fund. Money in the account is annually appropriated to the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) which administers the account.

The account receives funds from appropriations to the DWD for the Commission, donations to the Hoosier Heritage Foundation to assist the Commission, donations from nonprofit corporations, and other donations, gifts, bequests, and in-kind contributions.

**Background:** The Commission membership consists of two members each of the House of Representatives and of the Senate; the Governor or the Governor's designee; the directors or designees of the Department of Natural Resources and the Commission on Community Services and Volunteerism; an employee of the Department of Commerce; one mayor; one representative each of the Indiana Historical Society, the Indiana Historical Bureau, the Indiana Arts Commission, and the Humanities Council; and members of a postsecondary educational institution, an elementary or secondary school, and each congressional district.

The Commission has 13 assigned responsibilities including planning and implementing appropriate events to mark the bicentennial and annually reporting to the Governor and Legislative Council. Other responsibilities involve community awareness, encouragement, and support to review and celebrate past accomplishments and plan and develop for the future. All state agencies, boards, and commissions are to cooperate with the Commission and provide grants, staff support, or financial assistance to the assist the Commission.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** All state agencies; Department of Workforce Development.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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